



Arizona Presidential Preference Election



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What is a PPE?

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Arizona Revised Statute Title 16, Chapter 2, Article 4

16-241. Presidential preference election; conduct of election

*A. A presidential preference election ... to give **qualified electors** the opportunity to express their preference for the presidential candidate of the political party indicated as their preference by the record of their registration. No other election may appear on the same ballot as the presidential preference election.*



PPE versus Primary Election

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	Presidential Preference Election	Primary Election
When?	March 17, 2020 1 st Tuesday after March 15 in Presidential years	August 4, 2020 1 st Tuesday in August of even years
Candidates?	President ONLY	All other partisan races Some non-partisan municipal races
Voters?	Party Registered Voters Democrats only in 2020	All Registered Voters “No Party” voters must request a partisan ballot
Voter Registration Deadline?	February 18, 2020 <i>Moved due to E-29 being a holiday</i>	July 6, 2020

ARS 16-241 to 16-250

ARS 16-201 to 16-206



Preference not Primary

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- Delegates for winning candidates in PPE are chosen by Political Party
- Delegates representing AZ attend National Party Convention
- Party Nominees are selected at corresponding National Convention

Winner of Arizona PPE does not necessarily end up on General Election Ballot



Democratic National Convention 2016
Photo: Nick Oza/The Republic



Republican National Convention 2016
Photo: Nick Oza/The Republic



Only Democrats on the Ballot

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- Political Parties decide whether or not to hold a PPE
 - It is standard for parties with an incumbent to opt out of having a PPE
- Governor announced in October which parties have opted to hold a PPE
- In 2020, only the Democratic Party is holding a PPE



Photo compilation from Arizona Clean Elections Commission "We the Voters"



A note about Candidate Withdrawal...

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NO SECOND CHANCE VOTING

If an elector (voter) casts their ballot for a candidate, and that candidate then chooses to withdrawal from the contest, the elector (voter) DOES NOT get to cast another ballot for a new candidate.

Find a list of withdrawn candidates:
CandidateList.Maricopa.Vote





Only Democrats Voting

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ARS§16-231

*... to give **qualified electors** the opportunity to express their preference for the presidential candidate of the political party indicated as their preference by the record of their registration...*

Qualified Elector:

- U.S. Citizen
- Over 18 by March 17, 2020
- Resident of Maricopa County
- **Registered Democrat**
- Registered by February 18, 2020
 - Moved due to February 17 (E-29) being President's Day



- Jurisdictional Elections on March 10, 2020
 - Tempe City Council Election
 - Chandler Charter Amendment
- All Ballot by Mail Election
 - Every eligible voter will receive a ballot by mail
 - Four Voting Locations will be available
- Watch the Stripe!
 - Democrats in these cities who receive their ballot by mail will have two ballots

The image displays two overlapping forms titled "MARICOPA COUNTY BALLOT AFFIDAVIT - STATE OF ARIZONA". The top form is dated "MARCH 17, 2020 PM 12:45W ANYWHERE IN THE U.S." and has a large black stamp reading "Due on March 10". It features a barcode labeled "6607 GRN 2 MOB 12" and lists the voter as "MARY SAMPLE VOTER" at "1234 SAMPLE ST GLENDALE CITY". A red banner across the bottom reads "SIGNATURE REQUIRED/FIRMA REQUERIDA".

The bottom form is dated "MARCH 17, 2020 PM 12:45W ANYWHERE IN THE U.S." and has a large black stamp reading "Due on March 17". It features a barcode labeled "0001 WHT 19" and lists the voter as "JOHN JAMES DOE JR" at "12345 W ANYWHERE". This form also includes a red banner reading "SIGNATURE REQUIRED/FIRMA REQUERIDA".

Both forms contain identical text regarding the affidavit requirements:

I declare the following under penalty of perjury: I am a registered voter in Maricopa County, Arizona; I have not voted and will not vote in this election in any other county or state and if this is a replacement ballot, that the ballot was not spoiled, destroyed or not received. I understand that knowingly voting more than once in any election is a Class 5 felony and I voted the enclosed ballot and signed this affidavit personally unless noted below.

IF THE VOTER WAS ASSISTED BY ANOTHER PERSON IN MARKING OR RETURNING THE BALLOT, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING: I declare under penalty of perjury: at the request of the voter's request, I assisted the voter identified in this affidavit with marking or returning the voter's ballot. I provided the assistance because the voter was physically unable to mark the ballot solely due to illness, injury or physical limitation or was otherwise unable to return the ballot and I understand that there is no power of attorney for voting and that the voter must be able to make the voter's selection even if they cannot physically mark the ballot.

Name of Voter Assistant: _____
Address of Voter Assistant: _____

DECLARACIÓN JURADA DE LA BOLETA DE VOTACIÓN TEMPRANA DEL CONDADO DE MARICOPA – ESTADO DE ARIZONA

Declaro lo siguiente bajo pena de perjurio: Soy un votante inscrito en el Condado de Maricopa de Arizona, no he votado y/o votaré en esta elección en ningún otro condado o estado, entiendo que votar más de una vez a sabiendas en cualquier elección es un delito grave de Clase 5 y yo indique en la boleta adjunta y firmé esta declaración jurada personalmente a menos que lo indique a continuación.

SI OTRA PERSONA AYUDÓ AL VOTANTE A MARCAR O DEVOLVER LA BOLETA, COMPLETE LO SIGUIENTE: Declaro bajo pena de perjurio: a petición del votante inscrito que ayude al votante identificado en esta declaración jurada a marcar o devolver la boleta del votante, yo marque o devolví la boleta de acuerdo a lo que el votante me indicó directamente, proporcioné ayuda porque el votante físicamente no pudo marcar la boleta debido únicamente a enfermedad, lesión o limitación física o porque no podía devolver la boleta y entiendo que no hay ningún poder notarial para votar y que el votante debe hacer su selección aunque físicamente no pueda marcar la boleta.

Nombre del Asistente del Votante: _____
Dirección del Asistente del Votante: _____

Additional text visible on the right side of the forms includes: "LA BOLETA NO SE TRANSMITA SIN SU FIRMA. PODER DE ABOGADO no es válido para fines de votación.", "(▲ SIGNATURE REQUIRED / FIRMA REQUERIDA ▲)", "PHONE: (if signature is challenged) (TELÉFONO: si la firma es cuestionada)", and "(DATE / FECHA)".



2016 Lessons Learned

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- Insufficient Locations
 - Only 60 Locations
- Insufficient Check-in Lanes
 - 2 Check-ins Per Location
- Insufficient Equipment Memory
 - County voter data exceeded memory
- Two Parties Involved
- Provisional Voting
 - Delayed check-in with provisional voters in all lines
- No Communications

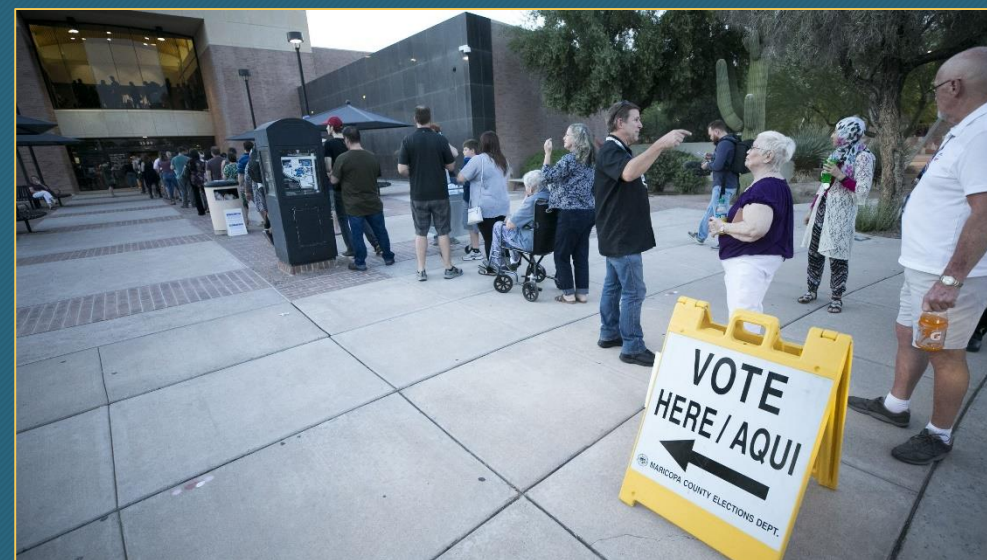


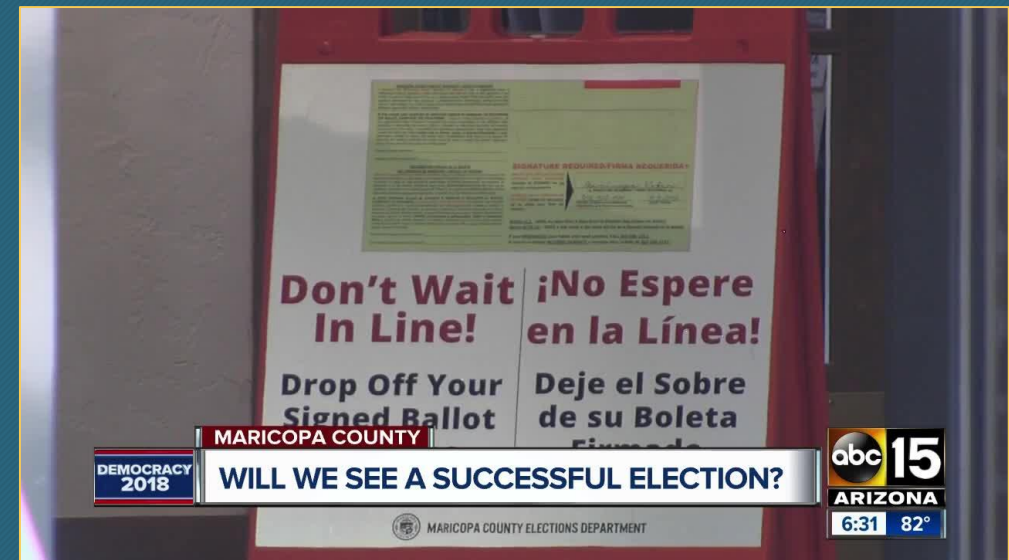
Photo: David Wallace/The Republic



2020 PPE Plan

- Over 200 voting locations
 - 6+ SiteBooks per Location
 - Over 1,200 Check-in Stations
- Better Voter Experience
 - 7 workers per location
 - Dedicated line manager
 - 100% in-person training
- Communication Plan
 - Roundtable Project
 - Paid Advertising
 - Website Updates

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ABC15 "Will we see a successful Election" 22 October 2018



New Ballot, Better Voter Experience

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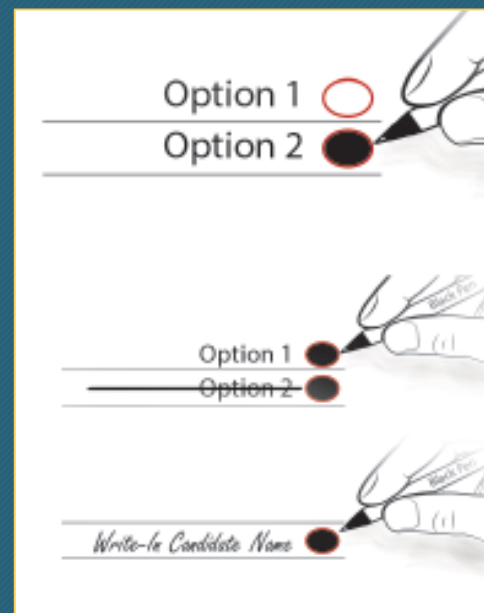
- Ovals not Arrows on paper ballots
 - Minimizes number of misread or “over vote” rates
- More user friendly accessible voting devices
- Faster Central Tabulators
- Possible Digital Adjudication



Accessible Voting Device



Precinct Tabulator



Ballot Instructions



Central Tabulators



Vote by Mail Resources

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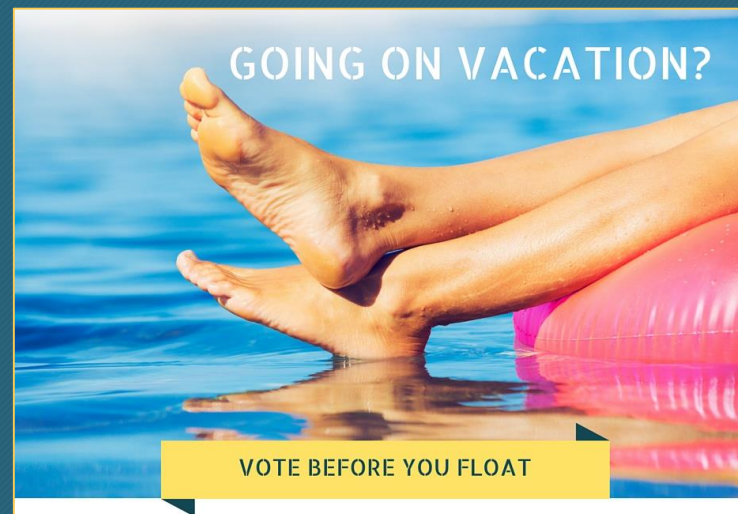
Text "Join" to 628-683
or visit
TextSignUp.Maricopa.Vote

RECEIVED AND
WILL BE SENT FOR SIGNATURE
VERIFICATION-WATCH FOR
UPDATE NOTICE

Dear MICHAEL.
For upcoming 11-07-2017
election
BALLOT IS UNDERGOING
SIGNATURE VERIFICATION-
FINAL STATUS WILL BE SENT
WHEN REVIEW IS COMPLETED

Dear MICHAEL.
For upcoming 11-07-2017
election
BALLOT PACKET WAS
SIGNATURE VERIFIED AND
YOUR BALLOT HAS BEEN SENT
TO BE COUNTED

Out of Town in March?
Get your ballot sent to a
temporary address!
Request.Maricopa.Vote





Be Ballot Ready...



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☒ English ☐ Español



Be Ballot Ready for Maricopa County Elections

Eligible Maricopa County voters will have several elections in the coming months. Kicking off the 2020 election season, Tempe and Chandler are holding citywide elections on **March 10**. The following week, registered Democrats throughout Maricopa County have the opportunity to vote in the Democratic Presidential Preference Election on **March 17**. As the Presidential Preference Election is not a primary, registered independents are not eligible to vote. The Republican and Libertarian parties have opted out of holding a preference election.

Additionally, all voters should mark their calendars for Arizona's regular Primary Election on **August 4**, which is three weeks earlier this year, followed by the General Election on **November 3**.

Are You Ballot Ready?

If you live in Maricopa County, sign in to your dashboard to get your personal ballot information. From what's on your ballot to upcoming elections, everything you need to #BeBallotReady can be found here.



[CHECK YOUR STATUS](#)





Be Ballot Ready...


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My Dashboard



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 Voter Registration Status:
REGISTERED
[Get My Digital Voter ID Card](#)

 Name:
Phil the Ballot
[Change My Name](#)


 Address:
555 S Vote St
TEMPE
AZ 85283
[Change My Address](#)

 My Political Party Designation:
DEMOCRAT 
[Change My Political Party](#)

 Permanent Early Voting List:
YES
[Sign up for Ballot Updates](#)




Upcoming Elections

Upcoming Elections I'm Eligible to Vote in:
3/10/2020
[What's On My Ballot?](#)
3/17/2020
[What's On My Ballot?](#)

Where Can I Vote?
Whether it's Election Day or before, you have options.

[View All Voting Locations](#)

My Ballot Status
No Ballot Status Yet
[Sign Up For Text Alerts](#)

More Election Information

The Ballot Has Been Updated
OPTION 1 
OPTION 2 

Maricopa County voters have a new ballot. Voters will now fill in ovals instead of arrows.
[Learn More](#)

Frequently Asked Questions
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Back To Our Regularly Scheduled Elections...

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Primary Election
August 4, 2020

General Election
November 3, 2020



Ways to Get Involved

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1. Take a tour of MCTEC:
tinyurl.com/GetInvolvedMaricopa
2. Become a Deputy Registrar:
tinyurl.com/DRclass2020
3. Fill out an interest form:
Getinvolved.Maricopa.Vote



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Thank you

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